

REMARKS

FIG. 1 of the drawings has been amended to add reference numerals 110 and 140 for the client and the server, respectively, as recited in the specification.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Henson (US Patent 6,167,383).

Applicants respectfully traverse the §101 and §103 rejections with the following arguments.

35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner states: “To overcome this rejection the Examiner recommends that Applicant amend the claims to better clarify which of the steps are being performed within the technological arts, such as incorporating/integrating a computer/software/hardware computer network or electronic network functionally with manipulative steps recited in the claims.”

In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 in accordance with the preceding recommendation by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 1-4 are not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §101.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Henson (US Patent 6,167,383).

Applicants respectfully contend that claim 1 is not unpatentable over Henson, because Henson does not teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 1. For example, Henson does not teach or suggest the feature: “changing **by the server** a corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item” (emphasize added).

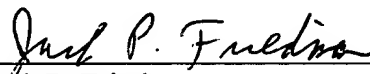
The Examiner argues that Hensen’s validation module enables the user to modify options. In response, Applicants respectfully contend that claim 1 does not recite that the “user” changes the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item. Rather, claim 1 recites that **the server** changes the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item.

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully maintain that claim 1 is not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Henson, and that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Since claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, Applicants contend that claims 2-4 are likewise in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

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In the Drawings

Please replace the sheet containing FIG. 1 of the drawings with the replacement sheet included herewith that includes an amended FIG. 1.